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Thousands Attend Cornerstone Laying of New $1,000,000 13-Story Y. M. C. A. Building

With nearly all uniformed organizations represented, the cornerstone of Harlem's new $1,000,000 Y. M. C. A. building was laid Sunday afternoon, May 22, following a big street parade.

Led by a batalion of soldiers from the 369th Infantry under command of Major Chauncey P. Hooper, the parade included such organizations as the Police Department, Elks, Masons, Pythians, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts etc. After parading through Lenox and Seventh avenues, these organizations gathered in front of the building at 180 West 135th street, where the exercises were held.

The cornerstone was laid by Cleveland E. Dodge, president of the Y. M. C. A. organization of Greater New York. Thomas E. Taylor, retiring secretary, told of the contents of the cornerstone, which included a copy of The New York Age and other leading publications of the city.

William H. Wortham, chairman of the Building Committee, presided. The invocation was by the Rev. R. M. Bolden, pastor of First Emanuel Church.

F. Louis Slade, chairman of the Building Committee of the Board of Directors, gave some facts about the new building. He said it was being erected to accommodate a membership of 5000. It will include two gymnasiums, a large swimming pool, class rooms, auditorium and theatre, a cafeteria and 246 dormitory rooms, some with private bath.

Greetings were brought by Police Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney, who urged a closer cooperation between the Police Department and such organizations as the Y. M. C. A. and Boy Scouts in the fight to curb crime.

Greetings were brought by Col. William A. Taylor, commander of the 369th Infantry, N. Y. N. G.

The principal speaker of the occasion was Assistant U. S. Attorney Hubert T. Delany, who gave an inspiring address on the aims and ideals of the Y. M. C. A and its program for the future.

Walter T. Diack, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., told of the relation of the branch to the Association as a whole.

Dr. Peyton F. Anderson, chairman of the Board of Managers of the Branch, gave a historical statement concerning the work of the Y among colored men and boys in New York City.

Attorney Alan L. Dingle, assistant treasurer of the branch, presented the trowel to Mr. Dodge.

Several selections were rendered by the Southernaires quartet, through the courtesy of the National Broadcasting Company.

The Rev. Hutchins C. Bishop, rector of St. Phillip's P. E. Church, gave the benediction.

The new building will be ready for occupancy by November 1.

LAY CORNER STONE FOR NEW MILLION DOLLAR Y. M. C. A.

NEW YORK, May 21.—Preceded by a parade in which nearly all the uniformed Race organizations in Harlem participated the corner stone of the new $1,000,000 home of the W. 135th St. Y. M. C. A. at 180 W. 135th St. was laid Sunday afternoon.

The 11-story structure, which will be completed next November, is said to be the largest building in the world for Race young men and boys and one of the most completely equipped Y. M. C. A. buildings in the country. It will replace the structure directly across the street which has been used by the association in Harlem for many years.

Police Chief Speaks

The structure will include two gymnasiums, a large swimming pool, classrooms, auditoriums, a theater, a cafetria and 246 dormitory rooms, 24 of them with private baths. It was designed by James C. Mackenzie Jr., the late Julius Rosenwald and the Phelps-Stokes foundation, whose contributions were largely responsible for making the new structure possible. Several hymns were sung by the audience and music was furnished by the various bands which made up the parade.

Police Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney spoke briefly in praise of the influence of the Y. M. C. A. on youth. The wholesome recreation offered by these foundations, he said, played a great part in curbing juvenile delinquency.

"The crime problem is a problem of youth," the commissioner said. "An increase in juvenile delinquency means an increase in crime." Referring to the work of the crime prevention bureau in combating juvenile crime, he declared that "the crime prevention bureau cannot do much without the co-operation of institutions like the Y. M. C. A., the Big Brothers and the Boy Scouts."

Others who took part in the program included Rev. R. M. Bolden, pastor of the First Emanuel church; F. Louis Slade, chairman of the building committee; Col. W. A. Taylor of the 369th infantry, N. Y. N. G.; Peyton F. Anderson, chairman of the board of managers of the Harlem branch; Walter T. Diack, general secretary of the association in New York; Thomas E. Taylor, executive of the Harlem branch, and Alan L. Dingle, assistant treasurer; Hubert T. Delaney, assistant United States district attorney, and Rev. Hutchins C. Bishop, rector of St. Phillip's P. E. church. William H. Wortham presided.

Hail and Farewell

AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS of service as executive secretary of the West 135th street branch of the Young Men's Christian Association in New York City, Thomas E. Taylor today turns over the reins to Henry K. Craft, who comes from a similar position with the Y. M. C. A. in Pittsburgh. When Mr. Taylor came here from the Indianapolis association he had already seen the products of his labors culminate in the erection of one of the first modern Y. M. C. A. buildings for Negro men and boys in the country. The branch here was also erected under his secretaryship and he has lived to see a million-dollar successor rear itself to take its place.

THUS HAVING BEEN instrumental in the erection of three modern Y. M. C. A. buildings, Thomas E. Taylor turns over the reins to younger and more vigorous hands, for whom we wish a still more illustrious career in our midst.

Elaborate Program Planned For Laying of Cornerstone Of Million Dollar Y. M. C. A.

Exercises on Sunday Will Be Preceded By Monster Street Parade Of Harlem's Military, Civic and Fraternal Orders

Dignitaries of the church, military officers, officials of the city and federal governments, and officers and directors of the New York City Y. M. C. A. will unite in the laying of the cornerstone of the new million-dollar home of the West 135th Street Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoon, May 22nd. The huge eleven-story building when completed this fall will be the largest Y. M. C. A. in the world devoted to serving the need of Negro young men and boys.

Prior to the actual laying of the cornerstone, there will be an impressive parade in which practically all of the uniformed Negro organizations in Greater New York will participate. The parade, headed by the police escort, will start at 2:30 p. m., at the 369th Infantry Armory, marching to Lenox avenue; turn right on Lenox avenue to 145th street, through 145th street to 7th avenue; down 7th Avenue to 130th street; through 130th street to Lenox avenue; turn left on Lenox avenue to 135th street. At this corner, open formation can be taken and the parade will be reviewed from in front of the new building, salute being taken on the left; straight through 135th street; turn right at the intersection of St. Nicholas avenue and Edgecombe to 136th street to Lenox avenue; right on Lenox

avenue to 135th street; halting with the head of the battalion as near 7th avenue as possible with the various units falling in behind each other in oredr that they might participate in the exercises. The parade will be reviewed by Colonel W. A. Taylor and others.

Capt. M. V. Boutte will be the grand marshal of the parade, and will have as his aides Hilton L. Mayers, Laurence F. Hunt, Alfred B. Lind and Blanchard A. Baker. The parade will assemble in three divisions:

1. Military: Police escort; Colonel W. A. Taylor and staff; 369th Battallion and band of the N. Y. N. G.; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and Over-Sea "Y" Workers.

2. Fraternal organizations; Grand Commandery of Knight Templars; Imperial Lodge, I. B. P. O. E. of W.; Manhattan Lodge No. 45, I. B. P. O. E. of W.; Monarch Lodge, I. B. P. O. E. of W.; Eureka Lodge, No. 8152 G. U. O. of O. F.

3. Civic and other organizations: Manhattan Council of Boy Scouts; civic and other groups; colored employees on the new building, and citizens.

At three o'clock the second part of the afternoon's celebration will take place before the beautiful new building which will be the future home of the West 135th Street Y. M. C. A. William H. Wortham, chairman of the building committee, will preside at the exercises and will introduce to the audience nationally known speakers who will tell of the work which has already been accomplished by the Y. M. C. A. among the Negro young men and boys of New York, and what the Association hopes to do for them in the future.

Cleveland E. Dodge, president of the New York City Y. M. C. A. which operates in 36 different points in Manhattan and the Bronx will wield the trowel when the cornerstone is put into place. Among the other speakers are Police Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney, Walter T. Diack, general secretary of the New York City Y. M. C. A., Peyton F. Anderson, president, and Thomas E. Taylor, retiring executive secretary of the West 135th Street Y. M. C. A., Colonel W. A. Taylor of the 369th Infantry, Hubert T. Delaney, asisstant United States District Attorney and others. Through the courtesy of the National Broadcasting Company, the Southernaires will sing some of their well known spirituals.

Tobias Replies To Woodson's Attack On Y. M. C. A.

In a communication addressed to the editor of The New York Age, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, senior secretary, Colored Work Department, National Councifl of the Y. M. C. A., replies as follows to Dr. Carter G. Woodson's article recently appearing in these columns which commented upon the present policies and practices of the Young Men's Christian Association:

"In the beginning let me say that I know of no colored lay or secretarial leader of the Young Men's Christian Association who would offer a word in defense of any un-Christian policies or practices followed by individual officials or local units of the organization. These leaders realize that much yet remains to be done to bring the Young Men's Christian Association up to the standard of brotherhood set by the founder of the Christian religion, but they also realize that much has already been done by the organization to encourage its membership and the public at large to work constructively toward the Christian ideal. In this connection let me quote somewhat at length from a letter written recently by the Secretary of the International Committee, a native of Mississippi, to a Brooklyn attorney who asked him what was being done by the Young Men's Christian Association in the United States toward removing barriers of race, creed and nationality, particularly with regard to the Ameican Negro. The letter in part follows:

Removing of Barriers

"First of all, let me say that I am enclosing a copy of resolutions adopted by the World's Conference, the International Convention and the National Council of Young Men's Christian Association of the United States at Cleveland last summer, which plainly indicate that in principle the movement as a whole is against discrimination based solely upon race or color. The difficulty comes in the attempt to apply Christian principles to life. Local communities in which Y. M .C. A. units are established differ very widely in general intelligence, social vision and religious idealism, and it is too often true that the Y. M. C. A., like the Church, follows prevailing public sentiment instead of trying to change that sentiment when it is wrong. But I think I can truthfully say that the Y: M. C. A. is moving forward very definitely toward the Christian ideal of brotherhood across racial lines.

"Now coming specifically to the question of separate buildings for race groups, the Y. M. C. A. recognize human interest groups whether they be geographical, occupational or racial as logical service units so that it does not consider the existence of a building to serve primarily a particular racial group as in and of itself discriminatory and unChristian. It is only when such a building in a community is made the excuse for excluding members of the racial group served by that unit from other units where their normal interests would take them that racial discrimniation is practiced. The fact that at present such practice is the rule rather than the exception simply shows how great our task is and how much cooperation is needed, not by [illegible] educational processes referred to in the resolutions, we try to work toward the ideal.

"To show that we are addressing ourselves seriously as a movement to the problem of race relationships, I would point to the fact that the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which is known all over the world for its helpful influence in promoting better interracial understanding between the white and Nego races in America, was originally established by the International Committee of the Y. M .C. A., and I would point further to the insistence of the committee holding the World Conferences at Cleveland last summer that no discrimination should be practiced against delegates of any racial group in the hotels, Christian Associations or other such institutions in the city of Cleveland, Negro delegates were accorded the same privileges as other delegates in the best hotels and in the Central Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association. It is further true that several outstanding local associations in the West and Central West are at present engaged in experimentation that will possibly lead to the integration of Negroes along with other racial groups of the community into the service of the Young Men's Christian Association without discrimination. It would be unwise to mention these places at the present time because publicity might hinder the movement that is in progress."

Representation in Departments

"I may add to the statements of the General Secretary that the Y. M. C. A. has responded to the appeal of its Negro constituency for representation in all departments of the worldwide and nationwide organization. It has membership of the World's Committee in the person of Dr. John Hope, who, interestingly enough is also the president of Dr. Woodson's Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. In the movement in the United States there is Negro membership on the General Board and there are nine Negro members of the National Council, as follows:

"Attorney R. L. Brokenbur, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. M. W. Dogan, Wiley College, Marshall, Tex.; Dr. J. M. Gandy, Virginia State College, Petersburg; Dr. John Hope, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Robert R. Moton Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Dr. W. T. Nelson (Physician), Cincinnati, O.; Dr. Emmett J. Scott, Howard University, Washington, D. C.; Prof. James T. Taylor, North Carolina College, Durham, and Principal W. R. Valentine, Manual Training School, Bordentown, N. J.

"The chairman of the Colored Work Department Committee of the National Council is Dr. Robert R. Moton, and the committee is composed of the National Council members just mentioned, Watt Terry of New York, John L. Webb of Little Rock, Ark., Bishop Robert E. Jones of New Orleans and some of the outstanding white men of the country. There are Negro members of State Committees and Negro members of city-wide boards of directors, to say nothing of the membership of the boards of managers of branches serving colored men and boys. These branch boards are made up of the outstanding Negro citizens in the several communities where the branches are located. In several cases there are white men on these boards, but in no cases are they the controlling factors. As to the courtesy shown and deference given to Negro members of the National Council and the General Board I would refer Dr. Woodson to his own chairman, Dr. John Hope, who, as has been said, is a member of both the General Board and National Council.

Member of National Council Cabinet

"The senior secretary of the Colored Work Department is a member of the Cabinet of the National Council and there has never been the slightest effort on the part of anybody connected with the general organization to browbeat or intimidate him in the administration of the work of his department. The policies of the department are shaped by the committee and confirmed by the National Council as is true of every other department connected with the Council.

"The resolutions passed by the recent world conferences at Toronto and Cleveland, which were published in the newspapers at the time, speak for themselves as reflecting the high intelligence and character of the Negro delegates of these conferences, who were largely responsible for the passage of these resolutions.

Full Recognition of Brotherhood

"The Negro leadership of the Young Men's Christian Association does not believe with Dr. Woodson that because it is unable to achieve full recognition of all brotherhood ideals at once it should therefore sever all connections with white people as associates in the work of the Y. M. C. A. So long as the trend is toward the ideal and no sacrifice of principle is demanded of them, the Negro leaders of the Y. M. C. A. will continue to cooperate with fairminded white people who desire to be associated with them in working toward the ultimate goal.

"We regret that Dr. Woodson who, in the first years of the existence of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History shared the facilities of the National Y. M. C. A. office when it was located in Washnigton, should at this late date declare that he will never again contribute to the local or national work until they are both solidly Negro. In repenting for the past support that, according to his statement he gave grudgingly, there are some other things that he would do well to repent of. He taught school in the public school system of Washington, which operates along separate lines for the Negro and white races, served as a professor of Howard University, which is mainly supported by the National Government for the education of Negroes and also served as a professor in the West Virginia State College for Negroes which is engaged exclusively in the education of Negroes.

"Finally, it would seem consistent for Dr. Woodson to repent of the use that he has made of local association platforms to create sentiment for the support of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, and his determination to never again contribute to our National Council or local branches surely carries with it a refusal ever again to receive an honorarum for platform service in these associations.

"Personally, I hope that he will repent of his repentance because I believe thoroughly in the fine work to which he has devoted his life. Nothing that he has said will in any sense cause me to withhold my word of esteem for him as a gentleman and as a scholar, and for his work as an essential service."

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WHY MAX YERGAN REFUSED.

It has been reported by those who should be in a position to know, that the post of executive secretary of the West 135th street Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association had been offered to Max Yergan, but that he had declined to accept it because of the prior claims of his work in Africa. If this is so, Mr. Yergan is to be commended for his devotion to the arduous task for which he has seemingly developed so great efficiency and aptitude. In saying this, we are aware that the work in New York also has demands quite as pressing as those in Africa, and requiring equal ability to handle them.

Reluctantly leaving Mr. Yergan to South Africa, where a British college professor writes that he "is doing wonderful work," it might be well to glance over his career and observe the qualities that have contributed to his success in this field. A native of Raleigh, North Carolina, and a graduate of Shaw University, Yergan had made up his mind to practice law. But he was induced to enter the Y. M. C. A. work at a student conference and entered Springfield College for special training. A year's course fitted him for his special task, work among the students of the Southwest.

In 1916, in the midst of the World War, he was called to serve the troops of India. Leaving for East Africa with a detachment of these troops, he worked for two years with Indian, West Indian and African soldiers. His work made such an impression, that a British official cabled for six more men like him. Yergan was sent home after a severe case of African fever, but not before he arrived at the conviction that his permanent place was in Africa. He served as chaplain at Camp Lee, Virginia, and later went to France to be with colored units of the American Expeditionary Forces.

Carrying out his decision to return to Africa after the war, he landed in Capetown with his wife and child in 1921. Viewed at first with suspicion by the government officials and even church workers, he finally won them over by his tact and Christian character. Within a few years he has organized thirty vigorous student organizations of the Y. M. C. A. He has also initiated one of the most difficult tasks possible, formed groups for interracial discussion among Britons, Boers and Bantus, one of the native tribes. His latest achievement in June, 1930, was the planning and holding of a conference of some three hundred and fifty delegates, teachers, students and officials, representing the Dutch, the British and the Natives at Fort Hare, in a student Christian Association building which he had financed and erected.

This is the record of the man, who it was thought, would make a fitting executive for the growing work of the Y. M. C. A. in Harlem. It is a record hard to equal and Mr. Yergan cannot be blamed for his reluctance to leave a field in which he has accomplished so much, and where so much remains to be accomplished. He is deserving of all honor and credit for sticking to the task to which he has been called, and where he has made his calling and election no uncertain quantity.

While Harlem may not secure a Max Yergan for the work to be done in furthering the objects of the Y. M. C. A., a man of strong character and purpose is demanded, even if the organization has to go outside of its trained workers to find the type of man needed.

Drs. R. R. Moton and John Hope Reelected To Y. M. C. A. Board

Dr. Robert R. Moton, president of Tuskegee Institute, and Dr. John Hope, president of Atlanta University, were re-elected to membership on the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association at the annual meeting held at the Union League Club, New York City on January 19. They are the only colored members of the committee. Francis S. Harmon, Mississippi newspaper editor, was elected general secretary of the International Committee to succeed Dr. John R. Mott, who resigned last summer after seventeen years of service.

African Leader Welcomed To U. S.

NEW YORK—Representatives of religious, social service, and educational organizations welcomed Prof. D. D. T. Jabavu (seated right), native South African leader, to this country at a luncheon held last Wednesday at Y.W.C.A. headquarters, 600 Lexington Ave. Others in the photograph are (standing, left to right,) Channing H. Tobias, senior Y.W.C.A. secretary; George E. Haynes, executive director, Commission on Race Relations, Federal Council of Churches; Sidney Gulick, secretary, Commission on International Justice and Good-Will; seated left, Robert R. Moton, principal, Tuskegee Institute.

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Student of Johnson C. Smith University, class of '33, who was a member of the committee chosen by the 2,200 delegates of the convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, which met in Buffalo December 28 to January 4, to interview President Hoover.

Negro Appreciation

If you assume that the negro doesn't appreciate what is done for his advancement and betterment, then you don't know the negro. The other day the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. reported that negroes had subscribed to the campaign for funds in Dallas $9,605, with the solicitation not yet completed. There is significance in that report.

Considering the status of the negro economically and the condition of business—which affects him acutely because he had a slight margin at best—that is a magnificent showing. It was about one-eighth of the total subscription up to that time. It is money which will be paid only out of privation and self-denial. But it will be paid proudly notwithstanding.

Dallas negroes deserve a word of praise. They are going through a trying period now, due to the white man's habit of letting the colored man take what is left—if there is plenty left to take from. The odd-job man in the South is traditionally a negro. With the sudden competition for odd jobs the negro is by no means happily situated, either in getting jobs or in obtaining a wage which will support existence. That they have rallied so loyally to the support of the Maria Morgan branch of the Y. W. C. A. and to the Moorland branch of the Y. M. C. A. proves that their hearts are in the work of these institutions.

Tuskegeans Hear Dr. John R. Mott

TUSKEGEE, ALA., March 8—(Special)—John R. Mott, chairman of the World's Committee of the Y. M. C. A. and chairman of the International Missionary Council spoke to the students, faculty and friends of Tuskegee Institute in the institute chapel Tuesday night. Principal Moton himself a member of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. and chairman of the committee on colored work, in introducing Dr. Mott, said: "I would rather welcome John R. Mott on this platform than any man I know. There is no other man living who has influenced the Protestant world and inspired the youth of the world as has this man. His life here and across the world has demonstrated what earnestness and Christlike purpose can accomplish."

Dr. Mott said that he could hardly explain why he had put off so long coming to a place that had meant so much to him. 'What do I not owe to Tuskegee's founder and to its present principal," he said. "The spirit of Tuskegee has been so unselfish and so genuine that it has become contagious. I pay this tribute with great sincerity of great colleges like Tuskegee at times like this are confronted with unprecedented conditions." These, the speaker explained, are the open door for unselfishness and justice and that the times were characterized by impelling urgency sweeping patriotism and plasticity. The central question today, he continued, was into what mold shall the new world set the old militarism or the new idealism.

Dr. Mott is confident that there is a rising spiritual tide that real leaders are arising from the most unlikely groups. "We are on the threshold of something unprecedented and there is increased interest in religion. We are headed into the most dangerous time the world has ever known," he said. "First because of the corrupt influences of Western civilization. Second the new generation is coming on without a guiding principal. Third the startling development of decisive elements among men. "Among the latter Dr. Mott lists, ruthless competition, commercial exploitation and unjust use of national resources. "Never has there been such misunderstanding between nations of the world but I believe the way out is not by colossal military outlay, but through the spread of Christianity in its purest form," he declared. Dr. Mott stated that in his 44 years of travel through 61 different countries he had unusual opportunity to trace the influence of Tuskegee and her graduates. May Tuskegee ever continue to stand out against agelong strife, superstition and misunderstanding.

Dr. Mott met members of the faculty in conference on race relations after the chapel service. He will hold conference with the cabinets of the institute Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Wednesday morning before leaving for Atlanta.

Henry K. Craft Named By National Council as the New Secretary for The West 135th St. Branch Y. M. C. A.

Following the retirement of Thomas E. Taylor as executive secretary of the West 135th Street Y. M. C. A., for which a million dollar building is now being erected, the announcement comes from the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. that Henry K. Craft, now serving as executive secretary of the Centre Avenue Branch Y. M. C. A. at Pittsburgh, Pa., has been named to fill the position and that he will assume his duties June 1, next.

According to Dr. Channing H. Tobias, senior secretary in charge of work among colored men, Mr. Craft has had wide and varied experience in educational and Y. M. C. A. work. He is a native of Charlestown, S. C., and attended Mt. Hermal School, in that city. He afterwards graduated from Harvard University. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Called To National Council

After graduation, he taught three years at Tuskegee Institute, and then went to Chicago as a draftsman for the Commonwealth Edison Co. He taught in the Indianapolis public schools for three years, and then was called to a place on the Colored Work Department Staff of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A., serving for three years.

He next filled the position of executive secretary of the branch Y at Gary, Ind., for two and a half years; the same position in the Vine Street branch in St. Louis, succeeding David D. Jones, staying there six and a half years before going to Pittsburgh.

He is married with two daughters, one in high school, the other in college.

Commended By Officials

Officials of the Y. M. C. A. speak in highest terms of Mr. Craft's qualifications for the onerous task he will assume in coming to New York to the largest colored Y. M. C. A. branch in the country. They state that he has had successful experiences in all places where he has served, working with all classes and conditions of people.

Dr. Tobias predicts a successful career for him in New York, knowing him to be thoroughly interested in all movements and groups who have the welfare of the race at heart.

Thomas E. Taylor, Retiring Secretary Of 135th St. Y. M. C. A., Is Honored By 500 At Testimonial Banquet

Thomas E. Taylor, who retires June 1 after 15 years as secretary of the West 135th Street Branch Y. M. C. A., was the guest of honor at one of the largest testimonial banquets of the year Thursday night, May 19. The banquet was given in the new auditorium of the West 137th street Y. W. C. A. and was attended by a representative group of about five hundred citizens from all sections of the city.

Mr. Taylor had the satisfaction of hearing himself lauded as a successful executive and able secretary by several speakers, who ten years ago fought to have him deposed as head of the Y work in Harlem. Most of these speakers gracefully admitted they had been wrong in their estimate of the guest of honor He was given credit for building the Y work from practically nothing to a membership of over 1000 and of being responsible for securing for Harlem two new buildings within a period of less than fifteen years.

The structure now under construction, opposite the present Y building, is expected to be completed by fall. It it being erected at a cost of $1,000,000. It is 13 stories high and has every modern facility for club work. It will be the largest branch of the work used by colored membership in the country.

After the invocation by the Rev Richard Manuel Bolden, pastor of the First Emanuel Church, Mrs Charlotte Wallace Murray, soprano sang a solo, with Miss Olive Jeter as accompanist. She was given such an ovation it was necessary for her to render another number as an encore.

Watt Terry, chairman of the banquet committee, then presented Dr Channing H. Tobias, senior secretary for colored work on the National Board, who served as toastmaster.

Felicitations were brought to Mr Taylor by the following: The Rev George H. Sims, representing the Baptist Minister's Conference; the Rev. William A. Byrd of Jersey City representing the Interdenominational Ministers of Greater New York; Mrs. Cecelia Cabiness Saunders, secretary of the 137th Street Branch Y. W. C. A.; David Doles representing the Harlem Business Men's Club; Assistant U. S. Attorney Hubert T. Delany, representing the professional men of Harlem; Fred R. Moore, editor of The Age and William Kelley, editor of the Amsterdam News, on behalf of the press; Dr. Jesse E. Moorland, retired supervisor of Y work, who gave Mr. Taylor his first job as a Y. M. C. A. secretary; Cleveland E. Dodge, president of the Y. M. C Associations of Greater New York; Walter T. Dyack, secretary of the Y work throughout the city; Dr Peyton F. Anderson, chairman of the Board of Managers of the 135th Street Branch; Elvin Burke, representing the junior membership; Attorney James C. Thomas, representing the senior membership; and Henry C. Parker, jr., representing the Y staff.

The guest of honor was introduced by Wililam H. Wortham, chairman of the finance committee of the branch, who also presented Mr. Taylor with a check on behalf of the reception committee, as a token of the branch's appreciation.

In responding, Mr. Taylor, gave credit to those who helped him before coming to New York and to the cooperation of his staff and associates here for the success of the work. He also paid a fitting tribute to the Christan character of his mother, which, he said, had been an inspiration to him throughout his life. He said that while he planned to reside in Red Bank, N. J., he would be coming to New York quite often and would take pleasure in fowing the progress of the Y work in Harlem. He closed his address by saying that he was a Negro by choice (Mr. Taylor is of fair complexion) and that during his thirty years of service among Negro boys and young men, he had come to have great hopes for the future of the race. He urged all present to carry on in the work he had started here.

Dr. Tobias also announced that telegrams of felecitations had come from many prominent citizens who had found it impossible to be present at the testimonial. Among those who sent telegrams were: W. R Valentine principal of the Bordentown Industrial School; R. B. De Frantz of the National Y Board who was in the South; Herbert Miller of Dayton, O., a former member of the 135th Street Branch staff Dr. John Hope of Atlanta, Ga. John C. Wright, principal of the Brick Junior College and also a former member of the branch staff Dr. George E. Haynes of the Federal Council of Churches; Dr. W. E. B DuBois, Walter White and Robert Bagnall of the N. A. A. C. P.; John W. Davis, principal of the West Virginia State College; Mrs Gertrude Mars Martin, the Rev. Dr William Lloyd Imes, the Rev. Dr. A. Clayton Powell, sr., John E. Nail Thomas B. Dyett, Eugene Kinckle Jones, Miss Eva D. Bowles and Edward A. Hungerford of this city

The guests also enjoyed a well-prepared dinner which was served by a group of workers from the 137th Street Branch Y. W. C. A cafeteria, under the direction of Mrs. Susan Adams-Lighston, who is in charge of the cafeteria work of the branch.

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Y. M. C. A. ANSWERS CHALLENGE.

The special services rendered by twenty-six branches of the Young Men's Christian Association to unemployed Negro males are recounted in a report by Ralph W. Bullock of the Colored Work Department, National Council. The aid given men and boys is summarized as follows: Age-New York City

Three of the local Y. M. C. A. associations were represented on emergency relief committees; twenty-four conducted employment bureaus; twelve gave food and clothing; twenty gave temporary lodging; seventeen gave free baths; thirteen permitted free use of gymnasium; seventeen gave free membership cards; eighteen deferred payments on membership fees; twenty-four granted free use of lobby and reading rooms; four conducted school for unemployed; nine conducted forums and provided lectures on economic and employment problems; twelve promoted activities for study groups; four promoted socials and entertainments to increase morale; two arranged loans, and seven organized special clubs of young men.

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In addition to these activities 4,893 were interviewed through the employment bureaus of these local associations, permanent employment was secured for approximately 1,000 and temporary employment for 529. In distributing food and clothing 524 families and 487 individuals were benefited.

"Frequent inquiries are made with regard to the services rendered by the Y. M. C. A. to men and boys who have been thrown out of work during our present period of general unemployment," Mr. Bullock observes. "These queries are made by secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. as well as by laymen and contributors to the support of our work. Some have expressed the opinion that our local associations should adjust their service to meet the greatest need in the respective communities regardless of what the regular program of the association has been heretofore. They point to unemployment representing the greatest need among us at this time."

Despite inroads made on its sources of income due to the depression, the Y. M. C. A. has undertaken to put over its regular program of service and also perform a special service for the unemployed. It is patent that notwithstanding the magnitude of problem and handicaps en-

BORDENTOWN IS HOST TO Y. M. C. A. NAT'L GATHERING

Wesley And Thomas Chief Speakers For Meeting

Journal and Guide

BORDENTOWN, N. J.—The National Laymen's Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations will convene at the State Manual Training School here, Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17. W. R. Valentine, principal of the school and president of the conference, will preside. Norfolk Va

He will be assisted by the following co-chairmen: Attorney W. P. Allen, Montclair; W. T. Thomas, Orange; and George B. Murphy, Baltimore, Md. 7/16/32

The principal speakers awill be Dr. Charles H. Wesley of Howard University, who recently declined the presidency of Wilberforce University, and Attorney James C. Thomas, former Assistant U. S. district attorney, of New York City, recently noted for his defense of "Father" Divine.

The chief topics of discussion will be the effects of the depression on the Y. M. C. A., and response of the Y. M. C. A. in service rendered.

The discussion leaders will be Ralph W. Bullock and Channing H. Tobias of the national office, and Henry K. Craft, secretary of the Harlem "Y." of New York.

Large delegations are expected, especially from the eastern and middle Atlantic states. The families of delegates will be accommodated as usual. Attorney Oliver Randolph of Newark, the secretary, and R. P. Hamlin of Newark are in charge of the registration of delegates.

Wheeling W. Va. Register
July 13, 1932

AID SOUGHT FOR BLUE TRIANGLE

200 Local Citizens Are Asked To Contribute To Colored Branch Of Y. W. C. A.

Two hundred Wheeling citizens have been asked to contribute $2 each to enable the Blue Triangle Branch of the Y.W.C.A. to continue its fiscal year which ends on November 1. The movement has been started by the Inter-Racial commission of the city.

Pointing out the splendid work accomplished by the Blue Triangle branch, the commission has requested the citizens to lend financial aid to keep the organization intact. The Blue Triangle is a project for negroes and is one of the few negro organizations in the city.

The Inter-Racial commission is composed of Wright Hugus, chairman, Rev. A. B. Adams, Eugene M. Baer, Rev. C. A. Burke, Miss Anne Cummins, Mrs. R. V. Engstrom Miss Bessie Grant, John Harris, Mrs. Homer McGregor, Mrs. Charles O'Brien, Rev. J. H. Peters, Mrs. James Pryor and Charles J. Schuck.

NO COLOR LINE AT N. C. MEETING OF Y M C A WORKERS

Journal and Guide

Four Negro Secretaries Among Negro Delegates Present

6-11-32

Special to Journal and Guide

BLUE RIDGE, N. C.—With white and Negro delegates meeting together for the first time in the South, an epochal gathering of more than 200 boys' work secretaries, met here all last week in the fourth North America Assembly on Y. M. C. A. Work with Boys.

The Negro delegates were Secretaries Winston of Wichita, Kans.; Rose of Petersburg, Va.; R. W. Bullock of the national staff, and J. W. Anderson of Norfolk, Va. J. H. Johnston, white, of the Central Association, was another delegate from Norfolk. Norfolk Va.

These, with other workers from all sections of the United States, Canada, Hawaii, and several foreign countries, played, worked, studied, dined and worshipped together in the true spirit of Christian fellowship. Many of the delegates were accompanied by their wives.

Noted Personages Present

Charles P. Taft, II, chairman of the assembly, headed the gathering. Among other noted authorities on boys' work present were Owen Pence, Dr. Harrison S. Elliott, Abel Gregg, T. H. Nelson, of New York; Dean T. W. Graham of Oberlin College; Tracy Strong of Geneva, Switzerland; Dr. D. M. Trout of Michigan; Dr. H. S. Dimmock and C. E. Henry of Chicago; and George Chesson of Los Angeles.

"Business and professional men and government officials are sensitive to social change and to the need for leisure time activity," said Mr. Taft.

In explaining the purpose to meet new changing conditions, Dr. Trout of Hillsdale College defined it as "a religious process operating in the twentieth century through disciples of Jesus who seek to bring the abundant life to boys and girls. . . "

Mr. Gregg, national boys' work secretary, declared that "we must pool our experience with that of the church and other agencies to build a new society. We must respect personality and know that conduct is affected by clusters of experiences which affect attitudes and interests and does something to character. We must discover the Jesus way of life in the million homes from which our boys come."

Scores "Rugged Individualism"

"We have given religious approval to a philosophy of life which is out to beat the other fellow," was the assertion coming from Dr. Elliott of Union Theological Seminary. idea of a rugged individualism which makes it impossible to live unless you go out and fight for yourself. We run our schools that way, and our churches; and we run the Y. M. C. A. that way.

"But what happens under this condition? Dr. Elliott asked. "The strong exploit the weak; the few get the privileges and the many the depression. I am not surprised at racketeers—at Jimmie Walker. They are only doing what the rest of our people are doing."

Bad movies turned out from America hurts her overseas much more than they do at home," declared Dr. Strong.

Knoxville, Tenn., Journal
Sunday, October 2, 1932

NEGRO Y.W.C.A. GROUP TO MEET

Phyllis Wheatley Branch to Make Winter Plans.

Phyllis Wheatley branch of the Y. W. C. A. (negro), will meet in annual session, with a "setting up" conference," Saturday, October 8, at Bearden, at which time discussions will be heard on supplementary suggestions made on committee work and reports.

This department is completing plans for the fall and winter activities. The conference will open at 11:30 a. m., and continue until 4 p. m. There will be a discussion of community needs and problems. The committee members will decide ways of serving the best needs of the young women of the race.

It also is announced the religious committee will sponsor a campaign for food and clothing for unemployed families of the negro race. The plan is to have young women solicit old or rejected clothing and deliver them at the branch office to be cleaned and repaired for families of unemployed.

Food that can be collected and distributed will be under the direction of a similar committee and the officials of the association will see that it is given only in homes where suffering may be eliminated.

The association's educational committee will hold its first fall meeting Monday at 4 p. m. at the "Y" reading room. The membership committee has been called to meet Tuesday at 4:30 p. m. to start the fall work.

BIG CEREMONY PLANNED FOR Y. M. OPENING

Chicago, Ill.

New York Building Is World's Finest

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Harlem's million-dollar Young Men's Christian association will formally open its doors Sunday when dedicatory exercises are held in the new building located at 180 W. 135th St. The ceremonies will continue throughout the week with members of both races high in civic affairs participating.

Cleveland E. Dodge, president of the Y. M. C. A., city of New York, will preside at the Sunday exercises. Dr. Charles E. Wesley, head of the department of history, Howard university, will deliver the dedicatory address. Other speakers include Walter T. Diack, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of New York; Dr. Channing B. Tobias, Dr. Lorenzo King, pastor of St. Mark's M. E. church; James C. Mackenzie Jr., F. Louis Slade, William Wortham, Dr. Peyton Anderson and Edward P. Corning, who will present the keys to the various department heads. A special musical program has been ararnged.

Building 12 Stories High

For the past year many men have eagerly watched the construction progressing on the new 12-story building. It is the greatest building of any Race branch in the country. With every modern device utilized, the finished job, which gave employment to many of our people, stands a monument to the great work the Y. M. C. A. represents.

Building sciences and arts have combined to give a genial warmth to the entire scheme of decoration, a modernized development of the Spanish mission style of architecture, found in California.

Two sections of the first floor, divided thus by an efficient modern business office, furnish centers for men and boys, each developed according to the needs of the persons they are serving.

The floors above the fourth are divided into the dormitories, in which there are 243 rooms. On the fifth floor, the rooms are decorated with special care as to variety. Specially designed furniture, beds and equipment make these rooms models of their kind, found in no other institution for Colored men.

Some of the rooms are arranged en suite. These include private shower and entrance to rooms. The floor plan gives each floor a perfectly appointed washroom, decorated in subdued colors, finished in tile, with very fine plate glass mirrors along the side walls. Wash basins and sanitary fixtures are of white porcelain of the latest design.

Two elevators from the main floor furnish means of reaching the upper floors. Fireproof staircases are arranged on either side of the building. Telephones, outside connections and building phones are on each floor, while every room is equipped with a buzzer directly connected with the mian office.

All equipment in the building is specially designed to fit in the general scheme of decorations. Murals and friezes depicting the history of the Race adorn the ceilings and walls of the public rooms. Inspiration, the keynote of the Y. M. C. A., is expressed from every vantage point of the building.

HERBERT KING IS ELECTED OFFICER OF ANTI-WAR BODY

St. Louis, Mo.

Race is Well Represented At First Youth Conference Against War—More Than 500 Attend.

By THYRA J. EDWARDS
For Associated Negro Press

NEW YORK, Dec.—Because of his record for effective organization, and his consistent stand against war, Herbert King was elected associate-chairman of the United Youth Conference Against War convening at the Rand school here last Sunday. Mr. King carried the largest majority vote of any elected officer.

Mr. King, instructor in sociology of religion at Howard university, is a delegate here from the Young People's Society of Plymouth Congregational church at Washington, D. C., and fraternal delegate from the Howard university School of Religion. Since 1928 he has been an active member of the Socialist party.

Race Well Represented

Brillian, well poised, Mr. King moved easily among the more than 500 delegates representing various national youth movements and anti-war organizations. He won friends on all sides, many of whom were acquainted with his record as anti-war organizer without knowing his race until now.

Other Negro delegates were: Bessie McDougal, Hunter college, L. L. D., New York City; Thyra J. Edwards, Brookwood Labor College, Katonah, N. Y.; Gilbert Saunders, Harlem Young People's Socialist League; Ivan Moran, Rand School Fellowship; Noah Walters, Greater N. Y. Young People's Socialist League.

This initial conference is called to mobilize every youth organization in the U. S. in a definite campaign against any war in which workers are exploited. Such a program aims to weld a closer relationship between this conference and all existing peace organizations.

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Boys' Meetings

BRITT MAYOR OF BALTIMORE FOR JUST A MINUTE

Afro-American

Baltimore Md.

For the first time in the history of the city, Baltimore boys "sat" as 'city officials" when successful candidates in the AFRO-AMERICAN Boys' Week election invaded the city hall, the office of the sheriff and police commissioner, Monday.

Those who sat in the seats of the mighty for a few minutes to administer the affairs of the city, were William Britt, who had been elected mayor; James Valentine, chief of police, and William Harris, sheriff.

Charlesmon Smith, city circulation manager of the AFRO-AMERICAN who staged the affair; John H. Murphy, Jr., circulation manager were among officials who saw the boys do their stuff in the city offices.

Scouts Present

A detail of Boy Scouts, comprising Samuel Carter, Daniel B. Julius, George Mason and William Lyles were also present in their official capacity and assisted in the parade.

The first office visited by the officers-elect was that of Sheriff Joseph C. Deegan. The sheriff "abdicated" his chair and young Harris was given the privilege of officiating in that capacity for a few minutes. Later Sheriff Deegan conducted the delegation through the office. Among things shown the young "sheriff" was a cat o' nine tails, used whenever a judge orders some offender to be taken to the whipping post. They were also shown nooses used to hang those who have paid the extreme penalty of death for murder.

Among those shown was the noose used to hang Bishop Hawkins, executed in 1923. Hawkins was the last man hanged in the city jail and William N. Jones, then city editor of the AFRO-AMERICAN, was the last man to shake his hand before he made the last march to his doom. Next to the Mayor's office the boys said they were most enthusiastic about Sheriff Deegan.

Gaither "Out"

When the delegation reached the office of Commissioner of Police Charles D. Gaither, they found that executive "out," but were conducted through by Lieutenant Commissioner Downs, who explained the workings of the Bertillion department. They were also shown the observation rooms of the detective department.

At Mayor's Office

In the City Hall they were greeted by Mayor Howard Jackson, who suspended the weighty affairs of the city to greet the Boy Mayor and other boy officials. Mayor Britt was presented in a short ceremony and the executive delivered a short welcome address in which he praised the project. "I am proud of the youth who are conducting this campaign," the Mayor said. "I know they will develop into good citizens." A photographer came late after the proceedings were over, whispered to a secretary, and Mayor Jackson consented to do the greeting over a second time.

In addition to the ceremonies in the city hall, the boys staged a big parade. In a fleet of decorated automobiles they started at the Dunbar Junior High School at Caroline and Jefferson Streets, and proceeded over the city streets to McCulloh and McMechen where a bicycle race was staged. Throughout the parade large crowds witnessed the procession.

Those who won in the bicycle race were:

Hamilton Mears, 1141 Myrtle Avenue, first place.

Richard Dallon, 603 Bond Street, second place.

Robert Yates, 510 W. Biddle Street, third place.

The Monumental Bar Association was well represented in the parade.

Miss Frances Jones, representative of the Universal Service Bureau of Chicago, officiated as judge of the bicycle race.

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Savannah Boys' Club
Gets Under Way
4-1-32

SAVANNAH, Ga.—Under the direction of Frank Callan and financed by gifts totaling more than $15,000 from Mrs. Henry W. Hodge, white, the Savannah Boys' Club, a community center and social agency opened here last week.

MACON NEGRO BOYS MEET AT TUSKEGEE

Courier

Life Of George Washington As Soldier And Statesman Is Reviewed

2-23-32

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MAKE EXTENSIVE PLAN FOR BOYS WEEK HERE

Courier

Featuring the theme "Character Building — the Aim of Work With Boys," the plans are rapidly rounding into shape for a banner "Boys' Week" to be held in Pittsburgh from April 11 to 17. 4-2-32

The program, which is being sponsored by the Kay Community Club in conjunction with the Center Avenue Branch Y. M. C. A. and prominent citizens, plans to be one of the most comprehensive ever attempted here.

Savannah Boys' Club Has Completed Fifteen Years

Tribune

Under the Careful Direction of Frank Callen the Club Has Gained a Position of National Prominence

Savannah, Ga

MRS. HODGE COMES TO THE RESCUE OF ORGANIZATION

1-21-32

FRANK CALLEN

The Savannah Boys' Club has completed fifteen years of service as a community center for underprivileged boys. In recognition of this long service it is holding open house this week at its commodious home, Price and Charlton streets.

The Savannah Boys' Club is the outstanding organization in this city for Negro boys and has gained national recognition. It was started in 1917, the creation of Frank Callen, who had recently returned to the city from Washington, D. C., where he held a government clerkship, and decided to accept a position with the Juvenile Court as probation officer for Negro work. Mr. Callen was interested in the welfare of the boys who were probated by the court, and with fifteen of these boys as a nucleus he formed the Savannah Boys' Club. For several years, without remuneration and often at a great personal sacrifice and with only such meager funds as could be raised from public subscription, he carried on its activities in an unostentatous way. It was the only organzation of the kind in the city which made a special appeal to these underprivileged boys. They came and the club grew in numbers and in importance. Then, quarters were secured for the work in the basement of the Beach Institute, one room being used.. This proved too small and finally the entire six basement rooms were utilized for the work and then the club began to see a brighter day ahead. Public favor was attracted to it by its practical work among the boys who were being taught the rudiments of several trades. Through Mr. Callen's efforts the attention of the directors of the Community Chest was attracted to the work. It was approved and thus the club enjoyed for several years the benefits accruing from this source.

Then came the big moment in the life of the club. It wanted to expand and so the old McDonald house at Price and Charlton streets was purchased. This was a big load for the club to carry, $11,000.00, and the weight of this indebtedness was about to swamp it. Mr. Callen and his board of directors had apparently come to he end of the road and knew not where to secure funds with which to carry on. Then, into the life of the club came

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The club was reorganizedd and isdestinction of having its physical now smoothly functioning with itsplant in the best of condition, yet affairs being directed by its board ofthe organization is hampered by a directors working jointly with an ad-lack of funds for its operation. It visory board of white frends ofhas no endowment and is solely dewhich Mrs. Hodges is a member. Thependent upon the public for money club has recently started on a new to meet its every day needs. Praera in its life and with a most promtically every thing is free to the ising future in view for the more boys, who enjoy its privileges, and, than 700 boys it serves. necessarily, this together with the upkeep of the plant entails considerable expense. Therefore, any donations which the citizens may give to this worthy cause will be gratefully received.

The new home which is open for inspection at all times and especially this week, has extensive grounds in the rear which will be later used as a playground. The building in the rear will be utilized as a storehouse. There are twenty-seven rooms in the house, on three floors, and all of the rooms are well lighted and have a fine outlook. They have been painted uniformly in a pleasant shade of green, all the woodwork cleaned or painted, and all necessary carpentry work done. Much of this has been done by the boys themselves, working at night under supervision.

There is already a small library, to which many books have been given by the public library. The house has separate entrances for the younger boys and the older ones and their rooms being on different sides of the building. It is not necessary for them to come into contact. A room and kitchenette with separate entrance has been reserved for the use of the Big Sister movement, so the house will really become a community center.

Shower baths for thirty boys with hot and cold water have been put in. There is no fee for the showers. One of the rooms is equipped for instruction in simple cooking and domestic activities. The plan is to teach the boys occupations that will not overlap with manual training and domestic science they have at school. There will be giv-

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SCOUTS ACT ON PLAN FOR BIG ENROLMENT

End Rally by Adopting 10-Year Program to Train One Out of Every Four Boys.

1,300,000 MEMBERS IS AIM

Charlotte, N. C. Observer
Sunday, May 22, 1932

National Council Also Extends Term of Course to 4 Years — Patri Urges Wide School Course.

The adoption of a ten-year program through which trained leadership will be extended in the ranks of boyhood, brought to a close yesterday the twenty-second annual meeting of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, which opened on Monday at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria.

Various phases of this subject were discussed in the morning and afternoon sessions by Walter W. Head of New York, who was re-elected president of the organization; Dr. James E. West, chief Scout executive, and his assistant, George W. Ehler, who presented the report on membership. Many of the delegates entered into the discussion of this general plan before its unanimous adoption.

The two main objectives of this program, according to Dr. West, is the increasing of the ratio of Scouts among the eligible membership of boys throughout the country to a point where one in every four boys of 12 years of age and over is enrolled in the organization. The ratio at the present time is about 2 per cent, according to the report of Mr. Ehler, and it was pointed out that this could be raised to 25 per cent during the period assigned.

Four-Year Scouting Term Urged.

The more important factor, Dr. West explained, is to extend the average tenure of those who enroll to a period of four years, which is necessary for the complete course of training, enabling the boy to take his place among the leaders of future members.

"We as executives must enrich the experience of these boys through Scoutmasters, so that they will continue longer in membership," Dr. West declared. "This means that there will be more skillful training on the part of Scoutmasters and more skillful service to Scoutmasters on the part of the various councils."

As a by-product of this program, he added, if the details are carried out successfully, an aggregate membership of 1,300,000 would result in a four-year period.

The proposal that the teaching staff of the city schools be increased to permit the children of school age in to receive training during their hours of leisure was made by Angelo Patri, school principal in this city, at the luncheon of the delegates, who considered this an aid to the extension of the scout program, in connection with the schools.

"Our teachers can't stand more work than they are doing now," he declared. "We need another group to do work which is just as necessary for the growth of the child. I hope that the time will come when scoutmasters are attached to every school so that no child may have idle time to the extent that he may destroy himself."

Ask Aid for Negro Boys.

Bishop Robert E. Jones, a Negro executive of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the New Orleans area, made a plea for the extension of scouting facilities among the Negro children of the South, where, he added, there were now some 20,000 boys enrolled in the organization.

"The Negroes of the South are besieged on every hand by Communists who consider them fertile soil for their doctrines," he declared. "They are making a study of and promoting contacts with Southern Negro life in the hope of winning the Negro over. What would happen if the 12,000,000 Negroes turned to these ideas?

"This nation needs white men of high class and with no political axe to grind who are big enough to throw themselves into the work of aiding the millions of Negroes in this country."

Besides the re-election of Mr. Head Stuart W. French of Pasadena, Cal. was elected vice president to succeed Charles C. Moore of San Francisco, who died during the year. The following were elected to the executive board: George W. Olmstead of Ludlow, Pa., for three years; Thomas J. Watson of Short Hills, N. J., for two years, and George Albert Smith of Salt Lake City and Paul M. Schenck of Greensboro, N. C., each for a year. The remaining executives were re-elected to office.

Texas Older Boys Conference Largest in History

Houston, Texas—The State Y. M. C. A. older boys conference has just closed its eleventh annual session in this city. More than 300 boys came from 70 Texas centers. The delegation from Houston numbered 75 boys. The committee in charge, at one time, on account of the "depression" talk contemplated holding no conference this year, but after serious planning it was voted to make the present economic situation a basis for discussions among the boys. The program thus announced gathered interest from day to day among both the boys and the high school leaders of the State until a most valuable session was realized in the Houston conference. Among the directors and leaders of the conference was: Wm. C. Craver, Executive Secretary, Houston; S. H. Fowler Secretary, Fort Worth; Dr. M. W. Dogan, Chairman Boys Work for Texas; J. S. McMorries, student Secretary, National Council.